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- 1. ON FEBRUARY 13, THE SCIATT MET WITH PROFESSOR WEISS ABOUT THIS SYMPOSIUM
- 2. WEISS SAID THAT HE CABLED OFFICIAL INVITATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION TO ALL THE AGREED-UPON NON-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, AND HAS RECEIVED SO FAR SEVERAL ACCEPTANCES AND REGRETS. HE PROMISED TO DELIVER A LIST OF ACCEPTANCES IN A FEW DAYS. PROJECT OFFICER THOMAS IS CONTACTING ALL OF THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND WILL HAVE AN EXACT HEAD COUNT WHICH WEISS NOW NEEDS TO KNOW. WEISS HAS WRITTEN DIRECTLY TO USSR HEALTH MINISTER PYOTROVSKIY CONCERNING INVITATIONS FOR SOVIET DELEGATES.
- 3. WEISS IS NEGOTIATING WITH ORBIS FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN WARSAW, KRAKOW, AND ZAKOPANE. WEISS AND THE SCIATT DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A DIRECT PAYMENT TO ORBIS FOR PARTICIPANTS' ROOM AND BOARD IN LIEU OF DISBURSING PER UNCLASSIFIED

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DIEM PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED THE PAYMENT DOES NOT EXCEED (1) THE TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED IN THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT AND (2) RATES ESTABLISHED IN THE DAVIES-KRZAK AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 11, 1976. WE CONSULTED THE JOINT FUND TREASURER ON THIS MATTER AND HE CONCURS WITH OUR POINT OF VIEW. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT AN ARRANGEMENT TO PAY ORBIS DIRECTLY WOULD

HELP HOLD DOWN THE BUDGET FOR SUPPORT COSTS, CALCULATED AT THE OLD PER DIEM RATE OF 1,105 ZLOTYS, TO THE ORIGINAL LEVEL OF 415,480 ZLOTYS. ASSUMING THAT THE NUMBER OF NON-POLISH ATTENDEES REMAINS AS ANTICIPATED (48), PAYMENT OF SUPPORT COSTS AT THE CURRENT RATE OF 1,440 ZLOTYS PER DAY WOULD ADD 16,080 ZLOTYS TO THE BILL, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PER DIEM FROM OTHER CATEGORIES IN THE APPROVED BUDGET, END COMMENT.

4. ON JANUARY 24, WE TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE JOINT FUND 594,260 ZLOTYS AS REQUESTED IN REF A. PAYMENT TO THE GRANTEE INSTITUTION WILL BE MADE UPON PRESENTATION BY THE JOINT FUND TREASURER OF THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FOR COUNTERSIGNATURES. THE PROVISIONS OF THE DAVIES-KRZAK AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 11, 1976, REQUIRE THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT BE DEPOSITED IN THE PARENT JOINT FUND ACCOUNT. WE REQUEST THAT RSA ISSUE A CORRECTED PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE TO THE JOING FUND THE REMAINING FUNDS (1,467,630 ZLOTYS) WITHHELD BY THE EMBASSY. THE CORRECTED AUTHORIZATION SHOULD INDICATE IF RSA WISHES THAT THESE FUNDS BE DISBURSED BY THE U.S. COUNTERSIGNER, A PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY THE DAVIES-KRZAK AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF SUPPORT COSTS FOR OFFICIAL U.S. VISITORS. IF RSA WISHES, THE CORRECTED DOCUMENTATION SHOULD IDENTIFY AMOUNTS FOR AIR-FARES AND PER DIEM AND REQUIRE THAT THESE BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PARENT JOINT FUND ACCOUNT TO THE SUBSIDIARY JOINT FUND ACCOUNT WHICH THE U.S. COUNTERSIGNER ADMINISTERS.

5. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE CONCERNING THIS PROJECT IS NOT CON-UNCLASSIFIED

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TEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WEISS INDICATED THAT A

SPECIAL POLISH POSTAGE STAMP MAY BE ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 18. DAVIES

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